

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**ITEM**

**5a**

**DECISION**

**TOPIC      Goose Lake Wildlife Management Area, Clinton County -- Kruse**

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The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located in Clinton County, adjacent to the northeast side of the DNR managed Goose Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Rufus Kruse offers the 72-acre parcel for the appraised price of \$317,300.

The seller will retain one year of agricultural rights. The property is currently in the enrollment process for the federal Wetland Reserve Program (WRP). The seller has agreed to assign his interest in the WRP easement acquisition to the DNR. The DNR will receive \$224,147 from Natural Resource Conservation Service for the WRP easement.

Max W. Evans, Licensed Appraiser of West Des Moines, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Travis Baker negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located in northeast Clinton County. The small town of Goose Lake is located approximately one mile southeast. The topography is nearly level with some areas hampered by wetness due to the high water table and marsh soil types. The average CSR is 74. Acquisition of this property will allow the DNR improved water level management and eliminate flooding liability at Goose Lake.

This acquisition will become part of the 1,215-acre Goose Lake WMA and will be managed by the Conservation and Recreation Division in accord with the area management plan.

Funding used for this acquisition will be Wildlife Habitat Stamp (see Capital Link #7). This property will remain eligible for continued payment of property taxes. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Attachment

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Management Services Division  
February 8, 2007

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**ITEM**

**5b**

**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Soap Creek Wildlife Management Area, Davis County -- Miller**

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The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept a donation for a permanent ingress and egress (access) easement across land adjacent to Soap Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Davis County. This easement shall serve to provide DNR personnel and farm tenants access to State-owned land. Ted Miller offers the donation of this easement.

Dan Kinsinger negotiated this easement.

In the summer of 2006, Davis County closed a dirt road and ownership of this abandoned dirt road right-of-way reverted to the adjoining landowners, DNR and Ted Miller. This easement covers the Miller-half of the abandoned road and will allow DNR staff and farm tenants to access fields. The easement is for Department use only and the public will not have the use of the old roadway; however, the public has other access to Soap Creek WMA. The DNR opposed the closing of the road by the County, but was unable to thwart it.

No survey or fencing costs are anticipated. In the event that there is a future need for gating it would be at the expense of the Department. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Simmons Wildlife Area, Taylor County -- James and Lynda Alvarez**

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The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located in central Taylor County. James and Lynda Alvarez offer this 80-acre tract for the appraised price of \$185,000.

Gary Thien, Licensed Appraiser of Council Bluffs, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located 4 miles north of Bedford. The moderately-sloped tract is comprised of half tillable land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and half timber-pasture land. The sellers will retain the CRP payment as may be earned on 41.8 acres at \$92.40 per acre for 2007. The average Corn Suitability Rating of the property is 40. There are no building improvements. A county gravel road forms the north boundary of the tract.

This tract will increase the Simmons Wildlife Area to 300 acres. This area is adjacent north of Lake of Three Fires State Park. The acquisition will provide wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and enhance public recreation to this area. The Parks Bureau will manage the property with technical assistance from the Wildlife Bureau.

Acquisition funding will be provided by the Lake Restoration Fund (see Capital Link #101). The Department will pay for a boundary fence along the east property line. No survey costs are anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

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